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RE: FY 2023 RAISE Grant Application - Birmingham Urban Trail + Multimodal Corridor

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I strongly support the RAISE grant application "Birmingham Urban Trail +Multimodal Corridor Birmingham Civil Rights Crossroads: Reconnecting Historic Neighborhoods Through Active Mobility" which is the result of a collaboration between the City of Birmingham, the Birmingham Jefferson County Transit Authority, Freshwater Land, Trust, Urban Impact, REV Birmingham, and other local stakeholders.

The corridor will celebrate, honor, and revitalize the Smithfield Neighborhood, the west side of Birmingham, and the Civil Rights District. It will be the foundation of a growing multimodal transportation network, providing safe and equitable options via an urban trail and Complete Streets and creating a more walkable, bicycle, safe, connected, and livable community. This project is highlighted in many existing plans, including the Northwest Quadrant Plan and City Center Master Plan, and as a key corridor in the Red Rock Trail Plan.

By funding the application submitted, USDOT can showcase a project that aligns closely with its objectives under the Biden's Administrations objectives, including enhancing access to opportunities for historically, marginalized communities, creating an equitable transportation system that works for everyone, and transitioning to a more environmentally, conscience network that prioritizes non-motorized users. This project will deliver healthy, innovative, resilient, and integrated transportation options for residents and visitors of the City of Birmingham.

Please note my complete support for funding for the application, I believe this funding is crucial. If you have any further questions, please feel free to reach me or you may contact my Grant Coordinator Patty Etheridge at 202-941-1010 or patty etheridge@tuberville.senate.gov. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Very Truly Yours,

Tommy Tuberville United States Senator

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